GO! baby™ fabric cutter

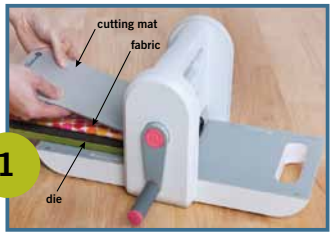
user's manual

Welcome to the most innovative and efficient tool

Welcome to the AccuQuilt GO!® family. We are thrilled you made the choice to save time cutting with our products. The AccuQuilt® GO! Baby™ Fabric Cutter is a fast, accurate and easy, portable cutting system that allows quilters to cut as much as 90% faster than traditional cutting methods. Your new GO! Baby™ fabric cutter will GO! wherever you go. Take it to classes, guild meetings, retreats and quilting bees. Spend less time cutting so you can do more of what you love…quilting and fabric crafting!

Read this manual carefully to learn how to use and maintain your AccuQuilt® GO! Baby™ fabric cutter properly.

How to operate your GO! baby™ cutter



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Place die on cutter, FOAM SIDE UP. Place fabric on top of die.* Place cutting mat on top of fabric.

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Push die, fabric and mat firmly against roller. Turn handle in direction you want the die to go.

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Remove mat, die-cut shape and excess fabric. Add new fabric and cutting mat on top of die. Repeat process from opposite side. No need to handle die between cuts!

**To conserve fabric, cover only the shape you want to cut—not the entire die board. For asymmetrical shapes, place fabric pattern side up if you want the shape to look exactly like the shape on the die. Place fabric pattern side down if you want the shape to be a mirror image of the shape on the die.*

for accurately cutting fabric!

Cutter Tips

- Make sure cutter lays on a flat surface. If not level, dies might not pass through properly.
- For best results, use on hard, clean surface so rubber feet can grip and hold cutter in place.
- If cutter lifts while cutting, you may be attempting to cut too many layers or material may not be suitable for cutting.
- If die should jam, it is a result of too many cutting layers. To remove, first attempt to roll the handle in the opposite direction. Gently work the die from under the rollers. Never force a die through.
- Carry the GO! Baby™ fabric cutter in a closed position when moving to a new location.

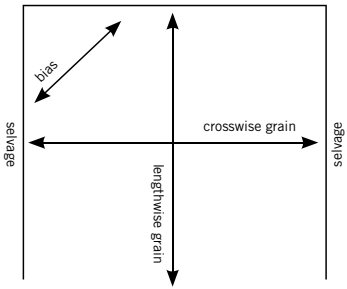
IMPORTANT

- While operating, keep hands and fingers away from rollers to avoid harm.
- Do not allow children to operate cutter unattended.
- Use only with approved GO!® fabric cutting dies designed specifically for this cutter.
- Die blades are covered with foam for your protection. Handle with care.
- Never place anything—including extra mats, fabric or shims—under dies while cutting.
- Always use cutting mat. Do not attempt to cut into steel roller. Doing so will damage the dies and void the warranty.

Fabric Cutting Tips

The type of fabric and the way you put your fabric on the GO!® fabric cutting dies can affect the accuracy of your cut. At AccuQuilt, we know that *Better Cuts Make Better Quilts*® and a quick important lesson in fabric grain will ensure that your cuts are accurate and easy to assemble.

Fabric grain refers to the way threads are woven. Fabrics are woven in two directions, lengthwise and crosswise grains. Although we have two directional grains there are three grain lines.



Grain of Fabric

First, the **lengthwise grain** (warp threads) runs parallel to the selvages. It's the strongest grain in your fabric and has very little stretch. This is how your yardage comes off the bolt. Because it is the grain with the least stretch, whenever possible orient your fabric on the lengthwise grain as you place it on your GO!® die to achieve the most accurate cuts. Fabric should be laid on your dies on the lengthwise grain.

The **crosswise grain** (weft threads) runs at a right angle to the selvages. It has more stretch than the lengthwise grain.

The **bias grain** runs on a 45° angle to the selvages. It has the most stretch, so it distorts easily. You must be extremely careful when handling the bias. Cutting on the bias grain will distort your cuts. Although perfect for making bias tape and selected bindings (like scalloped edges), it is best to avoid cutting on the bias as much as possible.

The lengthwise grain and crosswise grain are both referred to as the Straight Grain or Straight of Grain.

Identifying your Grain

If you are using scraps or if the selvage has been removed, here is a quick tip to identify the grain line. Grasp the fabric along one grain with both hands and give it a couple of sharp tugs and listen to the sound it makes. Then grasp along the other grain and tug again. The snapping sound made by the lengthwise grain will be slightly higher pitched than the crosswise grain sound. **Try it! It works!**

Cutting Layers

The GO! Baby™ fabric cutter will cut up to six layers of a wide variety of fabrics. The number of layers you can cut depends on the type of material and the intricacy of the die. Always begin with fewer layers and build up.

AccuQuilt recommends the following for the most common fabrics:

- Cotton—Start with two layers and build up.
- Flannel—Maximum of two layers.
- Cotton with fusible web—Fusible webbing is considered a layer so start with one layer and build up.

Test Cutting & Fabric Shrinkage

We recommend that you test cut your fabric first. If you're cutting many layers, be sure to test cut each number of layers to ensure the integrity of the cuts are maintained before cutting entire quilts or many pieces.

All fabrics have residual shrinkage. When cutting on the lengthwise grain you may still experience some shrinkage or stretch because of the characteristic of the fabric. If you still experience cutting inconsistencies, we recommend trying the following tip:

Sandwich a piece of clean white paper on top of the fabric but before the cutting mat and roll the die through the cutter. Don't worry, it's perfectly fine to cut some paper with your fabric cutter. Frequent paper cutting is not recommended due to the fact that it will affect the performance of your die.

Fabric Tips

- Cut shapes from fabric remnants and scraps. Great for using up stash!
- For fast appliqué, apply fusible web to fabric then cut shapes with dies.
- Use good quality fabric to reduce fabric stretch.
- Test cut one shape before cutting many shapes to ensure fabric orientation is correct. AccuQuilt cannot take responsibility for fabric cutting errors.

GO!® Dies

AccuQuilt offers many dies of different shapes and sizes for your projects. Visit accuquilt.com to see our full selection of GO!® fabric cutting dies. The GO! Baby™ fabric cutter accommodates four of the die sizes.

The 10" x 10" and 10" x 24" die sizes do not work in the GO! Baby™ fabric cutter. To save you more time, some dies with curved piecing seams feature notches to align fabric easily. Many piecing dies also feature dog-eared corners to aid in alignment and pre-cutting.

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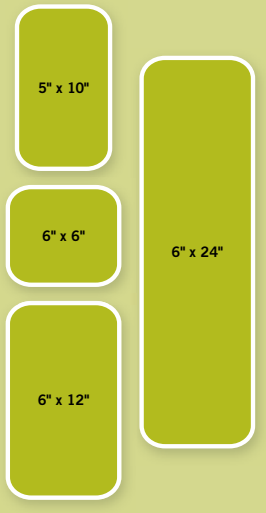
these GO!® die and cutting mat sizes



GO!® Die Tips

- With some fabrics, after cutting threads will remain where die blades meet. Snip threads with scissors.
- Use cutting mat size that matches the die board size you are using.
- Do not cut with blades parallel to the roller.
- To conserve fabric, align fabric to edge of shape—not edge of die board—or only over the shapes you need.

GO!® Cutting Mats

GO!® cutting mats are specially formulated for use with GO!® cutters. Store mats flat and avoid direct sunlight. You can extend the life of your mat by alternating the sides when cutting. Replace mat when cutting performance of die is reduced or mat shows excessive wear. Do not use warped cutting mats.

Cutter Care & Maintenance

For best results, keep your GO! Baby™ fabric cutter clean and lint-free. To clean the cutter inside and out, use a clean, soft, dry cloth. Avoid abrasives, solvents and spray cleaners. If necessary wipe with a damp cloth then polish with a dry cloth. Use canned air to clean lint from roller area. The GO! Baby™ fabric cutter does not have replacement parts.

Die Care & Maintenance

Use adhesive lint roller to clean lint and thread from dies. After each use, remove threads imbedded between blades and foam. It's normal for threads to get caught where blades meet in a die. Remove with tweezers or die pick. Die blades never need to be sharpened.

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Limited One-Year Warranty

We promise your personal AccuQuilt® GO! Baby™ fabric cutter will be free from defects in material or workmanship when used as directed. If you experience a manufacturing defect within one year of purchase, AccuQuilt will repair or replace the cutter at no charge. Improper use, excessive wear and tear caused by commercial use, and/or damage caused by the user will void the warranty. This warranty covers only the cutting unit—not mats or dies. To receive a replacement unit, return the cutter to the place you purchased it.

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